

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13713–S13793

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2922–2925, and S. Res. 384–386. **Page S13785**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3819, to extend the commercial space transportation liability regime. **Page S13785**

Measures Passed:

Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4284, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13792**

Commending the Soldiers, Civilian Personnel, and Families at Fort Gordon: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 206, commending the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States and recognizing the contributions of Fort Gordon to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and its role as a pivotal communications training installation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13792**

Condemning the Government of Iran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 386, condemning the Government of Iran for restricting and suppressing freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly, and for its human rights abuses. **Pages S13792–93**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 387), Reid Amendment No. 3276 (to Amendment No. 2786), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S13714–15, S13716**

Rejected:

Reid Amendment No. 3278 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2786), to

change the enactment date. (By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 386), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 3277 (to Amendment No. 3276), to change the enactment date.

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13714–44, S13745–51**

Reid (for Cardin) Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the establishment of Offices of Minority Health.

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Reid Amendment No. 3292 (to Amendment No. 2878), to change the effective date. **Pages S13716–44**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Reid Amendment No. 3279 (to Amendment No. 3278), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3278 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2786) (listed above), was tabled. **Page S13714**

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 388), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13716**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be considered expired on the bill at 8 a.m., Thursday, December 24, 2009, if cloture is invoked, and immediately the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S13747**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, December 23, 2009, with the time following any Leader remarks and until 10 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 10 a.m. and until 2 p.m. the time be controlled in alternating one hour blocks of time, with the Majority controlling the first hour; provided further, that the remaining time until 2:13 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, with the Majority controlling the final half. **Page S13779**